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Convicted Prison Sentence

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rigoberto Rosales-Martinez, age 39, of Modesto, was convicted of Voluntary Manslaughter, Attempted Murder and Felon in Possession of a Firearm in regards to the May 5, 2013 killing of a cousin and wounding of an uncle. Rosales-Martinez also admitted an enhancement for using a firearm during the commission of a felony. On July 18, 2017, he was sentenced to 24 years in state prison by Judge Ricardo Cordova. Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On May 4, 2013, during a family gathering at a home in Modesto, an argument began between Rosales-Martinez and a cousin. It escalated to the point where Rosales-Martinez shot multiple rounds from a .45 caliber pistol, killing the cousin and seriously wounding an uncle.

The next day, Rosales-Martinez surrendered himself to the Ceres Police Department. He has continuously remained in jail custody since that time.

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